

What is claimed is:

1. A trigger for a sprayer that includes a housing with a pump therein wherein the sprayer is manually actuated by the reciprocating action of a pump, the trigger comprising: a lever, which is pivotally mounted on the housing for engaging the pump, and that comprises an elongated lever having a finger engaging surface that includes an upper section, a middle section, and a lower section, wherein the middle section has a width that is shorter than the widths of the upper section and of the lower section.
2. The trigger of claim 1 wherein the finger engaging surface has a concave shaped contour.
3. The trigger of claim 1 wherein the finger engaging surface includes at least one gripping surface area.
4. The trigger of claim 3 wherein the at least one gripping surface area is made from an elastomeric material.
5. The trigger of claim 1 wherein the finger engaging surface has an hourglass configuration.
6. The trigger of claim 1 wherein the finger engaging surface is about 45 mm to 65 mm in length.
7. The trigger of claim 6 wherein the upper section has a width of about 17 mm to 27 mm, the middle section has a width of about 7 mm to 16 mm, and the lower section has a width of about 17 mm to 27 mm.

8. The trigger of claim 7 wherein the upper section has a length of about 17 mm to 25 mm, the middle section has a length of about 11 mm to 15 mm, and the lower section has a width of about 17 mm to 25 mm.
9. The trigger of claim 8 wherein the front finger engaging surface has an hourglass configuration such that upper section has dimensions that are substantially identical to those of the lower section.
10. The trigger of claim 1 wherein the pump includes a pump chamber and the upper section of the lever is operatively attached to a reciprocally slideable piston within the pump chamber.
11. The trigger of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the perimeter edge of the finger engaging surface is rounded.
12. A trigger sprayer for manually dispensing fluid from a container comprising:
 - a housing that defines a pump therein wherein the pump is actuated by a reciprocating mechanism;
 - an inlet passageway for connecting fluid from a container to the pump;
 - an outlet passage for allowing exit of fluid from the pump; and
 - a trigger operatively connected with the pump, wherein the trigger comprises an elongated lever, which is attached to the actuator, the lever defining a finger engaging surface that includes an upper section, a middle section, and a lower section, wherein the middle section has a width that is shorter than the widths of the upper section and of the lower section.

13. The trigger sprayer of claim 12 wherein the finger engaging surface has a concave shaped contour.
14. The trigger sprayer of claim 12 wherein the finger engaging surface includes at least one gripping surface area.
15. The trigger sprayer of claim 14 wherein the at least one gripping surface area is made from an elastomeric material.
16. The trigger sprayer of claim 11 wherein the finger engaging surface has an hourglass configuration.
17. The trigger sprayer of claim 11 wherein the finger engaging surface is about 45 mm to 65 mm in length.
18. The trigger sprayer of claim 17 wherein the upper section has a width of about 17 mm to 27 mm, the middle section has a width of about 7 mm to 16 mm, and the lower section has a width of about 17 mm to 27 mm.
19. The trigger sprayer of claim 18 wherein the upper section has a length of about 17 mm to 25 mm, the middle section has a length of about 11 mm to 15 mm, and the lower section has a width of about 17 mm to 25 mm.
20. The trigger sprayer of claim 19 wherein the front finger engaging surface has an hourglass configuration such that upper section has dimensions that are substantially identical to those of the lower section.

21. The trigger sprayer of claim 12 wherein the pump comprises a pump chamber with a piston reciprocally slideably positioned therein and the upper section of the lever is operatively attached to the piston.
22. The trigger sprayer of claim 12 wherein at least a portion of the perimeter edge of the finger engaging surface is rounded.
23. A trigger sprayer for manually dispensing fluid from a container comprising:
 - a housing defined by at least two side walls, a top wall, and a bottom wall which is adapted for supporting the sprayer on a user's hand;
 - a pump situated within the housing;
 - an inlet passageway for connecting fluid from a container to the pump;
 - an outlet passage for allowing exit of fluid from the pump; and
 - a trigger operatively connected with the pump, wherein the trigger comprises an elongated lever defines a finger engaging surface that includes an upper section, a middle section, and a lower section, wherein the middle section has a width that is shorter than the widths of the upper section and of the lower section, characterized in that the elongated lever has dimensions that permit the user to pull the trigger repeatedly with at least two fingers while grasping the handle of the sprayer.
24. The trigger sprayer of claim 23 wherein the finger engaging surface has a concave shaped contour.
25. The trigger sprayer of claim 23 wherein the finger engaging surface includes at least one gripping surface area.

26. The trigger sprayer of claim 25 wherein the at least one gripping surface area is made from an elastomeric material.
27. The trigger sprayer of claim 23 wherein the finger engaging surface has an hourglass configuration.
28. The trigger sprayer of claim 23 wherein the finger engaging surface is about 45 mm to 65 mm in length.
29. The trigger sprayer of claim 28 wherein the upper section has a width of about 17 mm to 27mm, the middle section has a width of about 7 mm to 16 mm, and the lower section has a width of about 17 mm to 27 mm.
30. The trigger sprayer of claim 29 wherein the upper section has a length of about 17 mm to 25 mm, the middle section has a length of about 11 mm to 15 mm, and the lower section has a width of about 17 mm to 25 mm.
31. The trigger sprayer of claim 30 wherein the front finger engaging surface has an hourglass configuration such that upper section has dimensions that are substantially identical to those of the lower section.
32. The trigger sprayer of claim 23 wherein the pump comprises a pump chamber with a piston reciprocally slidably positioned therein and the upper section of the lever is operatively attached to the piston.

33. The trigger sprayer of claim 23 wherein at least a portion of the perimeter edge of the finger engaging surface is rounded.